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Letter dated 20 October 1994 from the Permanent
Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by Turkey's military Air Force, which were recorded as follows.

On 18 October 1994, from 1445 hours to 1630 hours, the Turkish Air Force and Navy carried out joint exercises code-named "Hursema/Toros - 2/94". In the context of those exercises, four formations of two Turkish Air Force fighters each violated the Nicosia FIR flying at a speed of 380-460 knots at an altitude of 200-25,000 feet.

On 9 October 1994, from 0742 to 1100 hours, two Turkish Air Force F-16 fighters violated the Nicosia FIR flying at a speed of 400-430 knots at an altitude of 4,500-28,000 feet.

On 8 October 1994, from 0851 until 1603 hours, three formations of two Turkish Air Force Fighter planes each and another formation of three Turkish Air Force F-16 Fighter planes violated the Larnaca FIR flying at a speed of 400-420 knots and at an altitude of 11,000-22,000 feet.

On 6 October 1994, from 0852 until 1105 hours, two Turkish Air Force fighters violated the Nicosia FIR flying at a speed of 255-557 knots and an altitude of 11,700-33,300 feet.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to protest strongly these new violations of the airspace of the Republic and, once again, to point out that these repeated aggressive actions violate the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and are contrary to the Charter of the United Nations as well as the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the question of Cyprus.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

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